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2020

## The Parson's Place

#### Lent is here!

Socrates supposedly said "the unexamined life is not worth living". This Lent, I encourage you to prayerfully consider self-examination. There are many ways to do this, but one way which cultivates confidence and often reinforces a stronger relationship with Christ is finding a discipline. Such a discipline might call for you to spend more time in silent prayer, spend more time in nature and appreciate creation, or to find a way to incorporate times when you can share your faith with others. I hope you will spend time in prayer and discernment for which discipline calls you. One size does not fit all and not everyone's Lenten acts will look the same. For myself, after much prayer and discernment, I will be wearing my cassock whenever I would wear my clericals on days during Lent. This is something that many clergy do, but many more do not. For some, this will look pompous and have an air of clericalism. They might quote Luke 20:46, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and love greetings in the marketplaces and the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts"

Actually though, most people will stare and stare and some might make snarky comments. (I've done this before so I know that to be a possibility.)

It's not about pride in ministry or to say "look at me" and yet, it is an opportunity to identify, in a small way, with the holy and to note that I chose the life of a priest. I expect some folks might ask questions and maybe some conversations will happen that wouldn't normally. This will be a discipline, one of several that I incorporate into my Lent. Others include: fasting on certain days, praying the daily office, and choosing to plant myself in a coffee spot once a week for at least an hour. That last one may sound deliciously fun, and I hope it will be consistently that, but I'm sure that some mornings it will feel like a chore. By developing these disciplines, I hope to create some new habits and ways of thinking. Who knows how it will turn out, but my efforts will be there. Speaking of discipline, our Lenten Series begins at 5:00 with a Holy Eucharist, 5:30 dinner, 6:15 (ish) program (led by Dcn. Judy and myself), and concludes with Compline. I hope you will plan to attend as much of each Thursday's offerings as you can!

Caroline +

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## **LENT MADNESS**

Our Parish will be participating in Lent Madness this Lent. See below for information about exactly what this is and the image of the 2020 brackets on the following page! Mtr. Caroline will have prizes for the members of the congregation who complete a bracket and select the winning saint!



(from the Lent Madness website):

Lent Madness began in 2010 as the brainchild of the Rev. <u>Tim Schenck</u>. In seeking a fun, engaging way for people to learn about the men and women comprising the Church's Calendar of Saints, Tim came up with this unique Lenten devotion. Combining his love of sports with his passion for the lives of the saints, Lent Madness was born on his blog "<u>Clergy Family Confidential</u>" which has subsequently moved locations and become "<u>Clergy Confidential</u>."

The format is straightforward: 32 saints are placed into a tournament-like single elimination bracket. Each pairing remains open for a set period of time and people vote for their favorite saint. 16 saints make it to the Round of the Saintly Sixteen; eight advance to the Round of the Elate Eight; four make it to the Faithful Four; two to the Championship; and the winner is awarded the coveted Golden Halo. The first round consists of basic biographical information about each of the 32 saints. Things get a bit more interesting in the subsequent rounds as we offer quotes and quirks, explore legends, and even move into the area of saintly kitsch. If you're not sure about terminology, check out our glossary. It's free!

The major change from 2010 to 2011 was the introduction of four "celebrity bloggers" to champion particular saints through the Faithful Four. In 2012 we partnered with <u>Forward Movement</u> and Executive Director Scott Gunn to create our own website and broaden the number of people involved in the writing process, with Tim and Scott serving as the self-appointed Supreme Executive Committee.

Along the way we've added more celebrity bloggers, a poster-sized bracket, weekly Monday Madness videos, and the *Saintly Scorecard*, an annual publication containing all 32 first round bios, information about how to participate in Lent Madness as a congregation, and an essential Vocabulary List to decipher all things Lent Madness.

We've also inspired thousands of people along the way by forming an online community of people who are passionate about taking their faith but not themselves too seriously. Articles and spots about Lent Madness have appeared in the *Washington Post*, NPR, Huffington Post, FOXNews, NBC, USAToday, and even *Sports Illustrated* 



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### **ANNOUNCING** ~ **BOWLING** with the BISHOP!

#### March 20th from 6:00 to 8:30 PM,

Holy Innocents' will host Bowling with the Bishop at Thunderbird Lanes in Manahawkin!

Bishop Chip Stokes has agreed to come and bowl with us for the evening!

We will be inviting our neighbors from St. Stephen's in Waretown, Holy Spirit in Tuckerton, and St. Peter's at the Light in Barnegat Light.

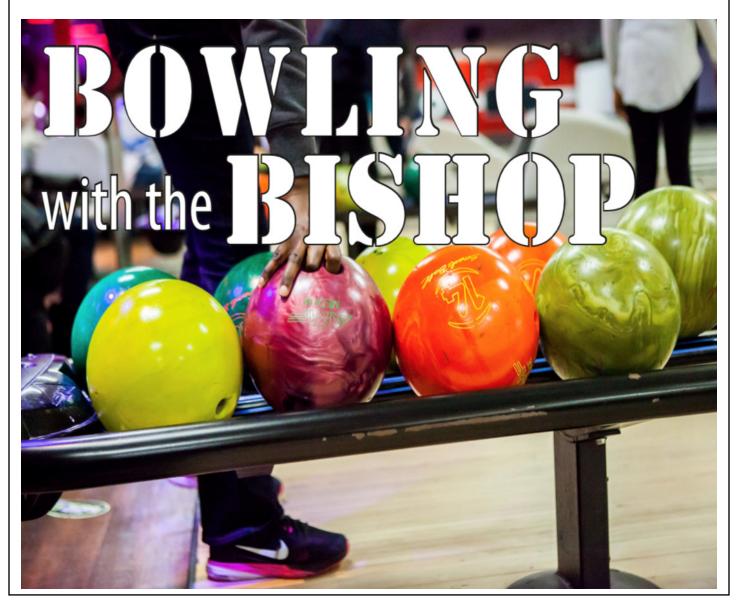
**WHEN** - Friday, March 20 from 6-8:30 PM

<u>WHERE</u> - Thunderbird Lanes - <u>https://www.tblanes.com/</u>

**COST** - \$15 (This is for 3-games AND shoes) per person

<u>DINNER</u> - TBird says you may bring your own food. Mtr. Caroline+ will be ordering pizzas and have reg. and diet soda. Cost to you \$2 (total for one slice and one soda. Funds go to offset original pizza costs.)

**WHY** - WHY NOT?! This will be a lovely, fun social time with our Bishop and friends!



# **WORLD DAY of PRAYER**

#### On March 6th, at 1:00 PM,

It is our pleasure to be the host for the World Day of Prayer Ecumenical Prayer service.

Members of our choir will be singing!

World Day of Prayer takes place internationally on the first Friday of March every year.

In 2020 that will be **March 6th.** 

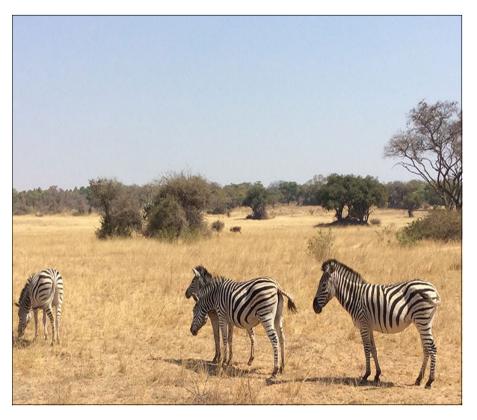
This is a program begun by women in the 19th Century to support mission work of women throughout the world. There are 170 countries and regions involved in this mission.

This year the women of Zimbabwe call us to worship.

The Bible passage "Rise! Take your Mat and Walk" from John 5:2-9a is the theme.

Jesus asks, "Do you want to be made well?"

You are faced with this life-changing question. What are you going to do?



Come join us Friday, March 6th at 1:00 PM.

Our Ecumenical Prayer service will include more than 12 churches.

Let's welcome our neighbors & friends!

~Suzette & Melissa~

#### LENTEN SERIES DETAILS

Thursdays from Feb. 27 through April 2
5:00 Holy Eucharist in the Church
5:30 Supper ~ 6:15 Program following Supper
The service at 5:00 is part of the series – Please make every effort to attend



#### **Schedule for Dinner Hosting**

2/27 ~ Hospitality 3/19 ~ ECW 3/05 ~ Vestry 3/26 ~ Sunday School 3/12 ~ Choir 4/02 ~ Ruth as DOK rep.

Lenten potluck suppers start after Ash Wednesday.
The first Pot Luck Dinner is hosted by Hospitality.
We supply the turkey, stuffing, gravy and cranberry sauce.
You bring whatever you like to go with it.
See you there!
Suzette



#### DISHING WITH THE DEACON

The cosmos dreams in me while I wait in stillness. ready to lean a little further into the heart of the Holy. I, a little blip of life, a wisp of unassuming love, a quickly passing breeze, come once more into Lent. No need to sign me with the black bleeding ash of palms, fried and baked. I know my humus place. This Lent I will sail on the graced wings of desire, yearning to go deeper to the place where I am one in the One. Oh, may I go there soon. in the same breath that takes me to the stars when the cosmos dreams in me. Joyce Rupp

#### FLOWERS FOR EASTER

If you would like to memorialize loved ones with a donation toward Easter Flowers, kindly send your donation to the church office or place it in the Sunday collection plate.

Forms will be available beginning Sunday, March 22nd through Sunday, April 5th.

Make sure the donor and recipient names are clearly written and please note "Altar Guild-Easter" in the check memo.

All donations must be in the office no later than April 6th!

#### COFFEE HOUR SIGN-UP

Our weekly Coffee Hours will be ongoing unless there is an announcement of a cancellation.

There is a signup calendar on the bulletin board for those of you who wish to take a turn to provide refreshments.

You may call me at 1 (814) 598-4973 if you have any questions.

Thanks so much! ~ Ellen Kehr

# **MUSICAL HAPPENINGS**



#### It's Concert Season! ~ Saturday, March 14 at 4PM ~ The Nocturnes!

The Nocturnes' music appeals to a broad range of musical tastes; featuring music from the swing era by greats such as Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman, Count Basie, Duke Ellington, and Stan Kenton, and music by the Beatles, Chicago, and the Beach Boys, plus occasional Blues and Country and Latin music as well as songs made popular by the likes of Billy Joel, Stevie Wonder, Ella Fitzgerald, Peggy Lee and Natalie Cole. Based in Wall Township, The Nocturnes perform for dances, parties, concerts, fundraisers, and other special events, and appears frequently at many senior facilities in Ocean and Monmouth Counties. This concert will feature vocalist Cheryl Parker who will double as Master of Ceremonies for the performance. Cheryl began singing at the age of 4 and has sung in nearly every genre, including gospel, opera/classical, theater, blues, big band and jazz repertoires. She had the privilege of producing and recording a tribute to American Songbook composer, Arthur Schwartz, with jazz great, Ken Peplowski. Over the years, Cheryl has performed with many other internationally acclaimed musicians including Joanne Brackeen, Jimmy DeSalvo, Dan Walsh, Gary Mazzaroppi, Joe Accurso, Vic Cenecola, Vinnie Corrao, Doug Clark, Bob Pilcher and Dee Holland and has appeared in concert halls, music festivals and intimate venues in Arizona, New Jersey and New York. Cheryl sings with a number of other groups in addition to The Nocturnes.

#### **Other Concerts in the 2020 Series**

Saturday, April 18 at 4pm ~ Claudia Pellegrini ~ violinist Saturday, May 9 at 4pm ~ Jimmy Merchant Jazz Trio with Vocalist Saturday, June 6 at 4pm ~ Capital Singers of Trenton

A free will offering is taken and a reception follows each concert.



#### **Music for Lent and Easter**

With Lent there comes certain introspection, but that is followed by the joy and hope of eternal life, offered to us with the death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. This makes for a very emotional church season and some of the most moving hymns and choral anthems.

Our choir will be singing for each Sunday service during Lent, and also Ash Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. as well as Maundy Thursday, Good Friday at 12:00, Easter Vigil, and Easter Morning.

Their offering of beautiful anthems is sure to enhance worship.

Ash Wednesday, 12:00 Holy Eucharist, 7:00 PM Choral Holy Eucharist

Palm Sunday, 9:30 AM ~ choir organ and trumpet

Maundy Thursday, 7:00 PM ~ choir and organ

Good Friday, Noon ~ choir and organ

Holy Saturday, 9:30 AM Morning Prayer

Easter Vigil, 7:32PM ~ choir and organ

Easter Sunday Morning, service 9:30 AM ~ choir, vocal soloists, organ and our special musical guests; Lighthouse Brass

All are welcome to worship with us.

Ellen Dondero, Minister of Music ~ ejdondero@comcast.net

#### **February 8, 2020**

"He rescues me unharmed from the battle waged against me, even though many oppose me." – Psalm 55:18

#### Africa & Europe

Pray for strength for women who have survived domestic violence. Many of these women feel like they have no choice but to reconcile, despite years of abuse, because they depend on their partner for support. Pray that they will instead find communities of support to surround and lift them up. Pray also for IJM's aftercare teams as they work alongside these women to provide them with skills training and opportunities to earn an income that will give them the independence to live free from abusive spouses.

#### **Latin America**

Please pray for continued health and effective collaboration between IJM Guatemala and our grassroot partners, as we continue serving survivors of sexual violence and their families. Pray for emotional, psychological, physical and spiritual strength as we relentlessly work together to best serve people who are vulnerable to violence.

#### **South Asia**

Praise God for 115 people rescued from bonded labor slavery just this week! These children, women and men were rescued by IJM, our partners and local authorities from six brick kilns, a rice mill and several roadside cafes. All had been forced to work in grueling conditions for the last 2 to 10 years. Instead of going to school, many of the children had grown up making bricks alongside their parents. We are so grateful for local officials who quickly took up cases from IJM and our partners, and how they treated the victims with dignity and respect. Please pray for follow-up in all these cases, and for these families to resettle safely as they begin new lives in freedom.

#### **Southeast Asia**

**Please pray for our survivors in Bangkok.** Pray that God will give them strength and confidence during victim identification and legal processes, and pray that God will continue to provide for and protect both them and their families.

#### **IJM HQ & Global Partners**

IJM headquarters is located in the United States. IJM has international advancement offices in Australia, Canada, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom.

Pray for great growth in the fight to end slavery through End it Movement's Shine a Light on Slavery Day which took place on February 13, when supporters drew a red X on their hands and shared it on social media to draw attention to this issue. Pray that many people will learn about the reality of modern-day slavery, will be moved to take action and will join the fight by signing our petition.



#### God's Blessings to everyone celebrating a birthday or anniversary in March

#### **Birthdays**

Mary Jane Mannherz	02	Adrienne Miller	20
Lori Anderson	06	James F. Bishop	21
Gail Jacobsen	07	Erin Davis Horleman	22
Judy Contreras	09	Steven Scott Miller	22
Diane Carter	10	Peter Pierce	25
Kingston Sparks	11	Aaron Edward Radice	25
Kevin Sparks	14	Joyce Hillyer	26
Heidi Ferringo	15	Jacob Peacock	27
Francis Kleber, III	15	Sarah Angelozzi	28
Howard Dumhart	17	Thomas Horleman	28
Margaret Sherwin	17	Frank McLaughlin	28
Margaret Aftanis	18	Jessica Seaton	31
Christine Cathcart	19		

#### **Anniversaries**

Tino Andrade & Joanne Entrikin 17

If we have missed your birthday / anniversary, we apologize! PLEASE let us know by calling the office so that we may update our records.



The following parishioners have graciously volunteered to assist with our worship and/or have donated either candles or flowers for the altar for the month of March.

29<sup>th</sup> -

#### MARCH ALTAR GUILD

#### 1 st -Ruth McLaughlin, Cindy Longenbach 8<sup>th</sup> - Carol Hammond, Florence Boulden 8<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> - Chris Burlaga, Diane Entrikin 22<sup>rd</sup> -

22<sup>nd</sup> - Melissa Wall, Ruth McLaughlin 29<sup>th</sup> - Diane Entrikin, Carol Hammond

#### MARCH FLOWER GUILD

No Flowers No Flowers

No Flowers

Sherry Johnson

29<sup>th</sup> -No Flowers

#### MARCH ALTAR DONATIONS

MARCH USHERS ~ Volunteers needed

If you are able to volunteer as an usher at anytime during the month of March please contact Rob Meyer at 609 618-3914 or rmeyer1394@aol.com

# **MARCH 2020**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
First Sunday in Lent 9:30a Holy Eucharist 9:30a SS	<b>2</b> 9:00a MP	3	<b>4</b> 7:00p Choir	5 1:00p MJ 5:00p Lenten Program *7:00p AA *During Lent AA will be meeting at another location	Parish Office Closed  1:00 pm SERVICE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER	7	
8 Second Sunday in Lent 9:30a Holy Eucharist 9:30a SS	<b>9</b> 9:00a MP	10	<b>11</b> 7:00p Choir	12 1:00p MJ 5:00p Lenten Program 7:00 Vestry *7:00p AA	<b>13</b> Parish Office Closed	14 4:00pSpring Concert Series The Nocturnes Big Band	
Third Sunday in Lent 9:30a Holy Eucharist 9:30a SS	<b>16</b> 9:00a MP	17 St Day	<b>18</b> 7:00p Choir	19 1:00p MJ 5:00p Lenten Program *7:00p AA	Parish Office Closed 6:00-8:30p Bowling with the Bishop!	21	
Fourth Sunday in Lent 9:30a Holy Eucharist 9:30a SS	<b>23</b> 9:00a MP	24	<b>25</b> 7:00p Choir	26 1:00p MJ 5:00p Lenten Program *7:00p AA	<b>27</b> Parish Office Closed	28	
Fifth Sunday in Lent 9:30a Holy Eucharist 9:30a SS	<b>30</b> 9:00a MP	31	AA ~ Alcoholics Anonymous BSP ~ Bible Study in Parsonage  ECW ~ Episcopal Church Women  EP ~ Evening Prayer LEG ~ Ladies' Exercise Group  MJ ~ Mah Jongg MP ~ Morning Prayer  SS ~ Sunday School				

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#### **March 2020**



#### SATURDAY NIGHT MARCH 7TH

Turn those clocks

AHEAD

before retiring

for the night!

Please don't be late for church!

~Sunday Morning Rite II Worship Service~ 9:30 a.m.



# EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN ~ DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY STUDENT SERVICE AWARD APPLICATION 2020

This award is strictly for graduating high school seniors and students currently enrolled in undergraduate studies at a college or university. Students may apply beginning in their senior year of high school and each year thereafter that they are enrolled in fulltime undergraduate studies.

Criteria to be considered in granting awards include service to the church and service to the community. Please note that this award is open to all genders with their home parish in the Diocese of New Jersey.

The application and two letters of reference must be postmarked or emailed to the ECW Student Service Chairperson, Lydia Kugler, by April 1, 2020.

Applicants are responsible for ensuring that recommendations are sent by the deadline. For more information, contact *Suzette Whiting at 609-492-2483*.

Applications are available in the Parish Office.